


GO COMMITTEE #1
December 5, 2011

Interview

MEMORANDUM

December 1, 2011

TO: GO Committee
FROM: Linda Lauer, Clerk 
SUBJECT: Interviews - Merit System Protection Board

The Council received three applications to the Merit System Protection Board from persons seeking to fill the expiring term of Charla Lambertsen (declined to affiliate). One applicant, Steven Fountain, has withdrawn his application due to scheduling concerns.

By law, no more than two of the three members of the Board shall be from the same political party. The appointee to this term may either be a Republican or someone who declines to affiliate with a party. In addition, the appointee may be a member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections. The other board members are Bruce E. Wood (Democrat) and Rodella E. Berry (Democrat).

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee will interview the following applicants on Monday, December 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the 6th floor front conference room:

This packet contains:

News Release

Resumes

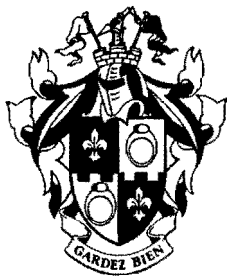
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Montgomery County Council

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Montgomery County Seeks Applicants For Merit System Protection Board

*Applications Will Be Accepted Through Wednesday, Nov. 9,
For Appointment to Three-Year Term That Begins in
December*

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ROCKVILLE, Md., October 4, 2011 —The Montgomery County Council is accepting applications from qualified voters of the County for appointment to a three-year term on the Merit System Protection Board. Generally, the board is expected to oversee the Merit System and to protect employee and applicant rights guaranteed under the County Merit System. Applications must be received in the Council office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

The term of Board member Charla Lambertsen (declined to affiliate), will expire in December 2011. Ms. Lambertsen has served two terms. The other board members are Bruce E. Wood (Democrat) and Rodella E. Berry (Democrat).

By law, no more than two of the three members of the Merit System Protection Board may be of the same political party. The appointee to this term may be a Republican or someone who declines to affiliate with a party. In addition, the appointee may be a member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections.

The County Merit System Protection Board's mission is to oversee the Merit System for the protection of employee's and applicant's rights guaranteed under the Merit System. There are two methods in which the board processes appeals:

- A written decision issued after a review and discussion of a written record
- A written decision issued after a pre-hearing conference and a formal hearing in cases involving a suspension, demotion or dismissal

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The board, on a periodic basis, conducts special studies, audits or inquiries of the administration of the merit and retirement pay systems and, in this effort, may compel the attendance of witnesses. Written reports of its findings and recommendations are filed with the County Executive and the County Council. The board also provides comments on any proposed changes in Merit System law or regulations.

The board holds hearings during the day, which can take the full day, with any additional proceedings scheduled for subsequent evening(s). Also, the board normally meets for approximately an hour in the evening once or twice every month. Additional time is also required for preparatory work. Members of the board receive \$7,467 per year, which is adjusted annually to reflect 50 percent of the percentage change in the Washington Area Consumer Price Index.

Board members are restricted in political activity while serving. Section 403 of the County Charter states in part "... No member shall hold political office or participate in any campaign for any political or public office during the member's term of office." Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time.

Letters of application are made public as part of the appointment process. Letters expressing interest, including a resume listing professional and civic experience, should be addressed to: Council President Valerie Ervin, Montgomery County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850.

For more information on the Merit System Protection Board appointment, call 240-777-7979.

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